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In the Final Rejection mailed on January 31, 2006, the prior examiner stated that the Information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on October 10, 2006 would not be considered. The examiner erroneously referred to the IDS filed on September 28, 2006 as being filed October 10th. Another error was made when the examiner stated the IDS would not be considered.

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 28, 2006 was filed after the mailing date of the non-final action on June 7, 2006. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrice L. Winder whose telephone number is (571)272-3935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

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